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*Roger playing his guitar at Lost Luigi's
at a Courier Benefit in 2000.*

Linda Lee Hedrick Memorial

Another sad passing, Linda Lee Hedrick passed away on March 14, 2010. A celebration of life will be held on April 24, 2010. Further details will be announced.

Thank you for all your submissions for the Roger Rapp memorial edition of the Courier. For those of you who haven't heard Roger passed away unexpectedly in February. Through out this edition you will find memories and photos submitted by friends and community members.

Dear Camptonville Courier,

I was saddened and heart broken to hear of the passing of Roger Rapp. My name is Beth Linderborg and I grew up with Hally and EJ Rapp. We attended the same church, St John's Catholic Church in North San Juan. Roger was a good man who always brought light into room he entered. Growing up in Camptonville could sometimes be hard and when I was 6 years old Roger and Yakshi taught gymnastics in the gym at Camptonville School. My mom sent myself and my sister to their classes and I will never forget how much joy I got out of it. The last time I saw Roger was this summer at the Post Office when I was visiting for the summer. I had not seen him in a few years and he was beaming with a smile only he could create. He met my daughter Tara who is 3 and was so happy to see me in Camptonville again. It brought me great happiness to see him. Yakshi and Roger were a huge part of my life growing up and I have always held them very close to my heart. Hally, their oldest daughter, and I spent many hours horse back riding together in the summers. My heart goes out to Yakshi, Hally, EJ, and Jocelyn in this time of loss. I will never forget Roger's bright spirit. He added so much positive energy to a world that sometimes seems so dark. Tara and I send our prayers and love.

Blessings,
Beth Linderborg
Camptonville Native

Easter Egg Hunt

Come join your friends and neighbors at the Rebel Ridge Market Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00am for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Vending sites available, call the store for more info: 288-3650.

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Weather permitting.

Trash Fashion Show:

Camptonville School will present a Trash Fashion Show on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. All entries must be made out of recycled trash and be 'appropriate' for a school/family event. Children may enter for free; there is a \$3.00 entry fee for an adult. Please submit your entry to Katie O'Hara-Kelly by Monday, April 19th, listing the title and a brief description of your outfit. Please come and watch this fun Earth Day event!

New C'ville Resident Arrives!

Molly and Scott Spackman would like to announce the arrival of their new sweet baby girl Sasha Jacklyn Sameha Spackman Born March 5th right here in Camptonville!

Congratulations to Molly, Scott and siblings Jace, Julian and Ava.

Plant Sale and Flea Market

Saturday, May 8, 9:30 to 2:30

By Rochelle Bell

Hard to believe it is spring plant sale time again. This year on May 8th from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm you can find all your favorite tomatoes and other veggies out on the field at the Rebel Ridge Store. We are hoping to see plants from Kitchen's Gardens, Anahat Farms, Sweetland Gardens, You Bet Farms, Camptonville School, and from Jessie Mullins's Rebel Ridge Organics. Come join us for a terrific day and get your gardens going.

You will also find our traditional Spring Flea Market. The folks from Relay For Life will be there. This is always a well-attended event, so call the store, rent a space, and join us.

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Look for more details in the May Courier!



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A Tribute to Roger:

By Diane Pendola

I first met Roger & Yakshi during the seventies when I was an undergraduate in Religious Studies at the University of California in Santa Barbara. Roger was a graduate student studying with the eminent inter-cultural philosopher and theologian Raimon Panikkar. Panikkar was then, and has continued to be, a transformative wind blowing through each of our lives, connecting us to each other in ways we would never have imagined back then in our college days.

Each Easter during Panikkar's tenure at Santa Barbara, we would celebrate an inter-cultural sun-rise service, led by him, on a mountain top over looking the pacific ocean. In the pre-dawn we would meet Raimon in his yard in Montecito. There would be a dampness in the morning air and the scent of the sea carried upon our breaths, on the inhale and the exhale, like the waves breaking and receding on the not-too-distant shore. We would walk out of his yard, through the silhouettes of wide white trunks of coastal oaks and graceful Acacia trees that spilled their yellow flowered fragrance across limbs of silver lace. The path uncurling at our feet was more sensed than seen as we left the manicured human habitations to unwind ourselves through a chaparral edged canyon. Water tumbled over rocks in the stream bed and birds flitted in the brush, chirped and sang. We students, more attuned to going to bed at 4:00 in the morning than rising at such an ungodly time, were feeling rather godly, having roused ourselves to arrive before dawn for this trek up the mountain. We were a motley crew: elders as well as youngsters, professors as well as students, jews and buddhists, protestants and catholics, non-violent activists and budding hare-krishnas; many of us had no affiliation but to our own deepest desires: desire for God, desire for Good, desire for Truth, desire for real Peace, Presence and Love.

It was at one of these mountain top services that I was witness to the marriage of Roger and Yakshi. It was at one of these dawn celebrations of communion and community that Roger and Yakshi's son Elzeard became my godson, and I became a mother of sorts, cementing an unbreakable bond between myself and the Rapp-Vadeboncoeur family. For a number of years we only saw one another during this annual reunion. I remember though a moment, as if seeing Roger for the first time. He was visiting at the Pacifica home of some mutual friends from our UCSB days. I came into their living room and Roger was there. I remember embracing him and looking into his eyes: deep, bottomless brown eyes, and experienced the depth, the intelligence, the mystic quality of both the genuine seeker, and the authentic Presence of the sought.

Roger, Yakshi & their two children at that time, Elzeard and Halcyone, eventually came to Camptonville where Roger was able to write his

doctoral thesis here at the land we call Skyline. A quarter century later we were collaborating in establishing a Library of Panikkar's collected works here at Skyline. The Library would never have been conceived if it weren't for Roger. Particularly important was this last decade of immersing himself in Panikkar's work, Roger's time in Catalunya, his networking with so many wonderful people on several continents, his egoless capacity for mediation and diplomacy and being of service to the deepest and truest of our human Being. Because of Roger and Yakshi's gracious hospitality, stewarding me through a foreign country and language, I was able to travel twice to Spain and to visit Raimon Panikkar at his home in Tavertet. Our lives had spiraled away from each other and spiraled towards each other again, never having lost our connection in the unifying spirit symbolized in Panikkar's inter-cultural work of dialogue, pluralism and peace.

Roger's idea for the Panikkar Library included an online collection site that he was calling "Panikkar Chronicles. The idea was to gather resources on the Philosophy of Pluralism & Dialogue and to help stimulate intercultural and dialogical studies in the English speaking world by inviting Panikkar's students, colleagues and friends to join a participatory philosophical project of recollecting class notes, audio recordings, photos, articles and other experiences of Panikkar during his very creative years in the United States. The Library located at Skyline Harvest would provide the physical space for this online community to gather, as well as to promote research into Panikkar themes and provide serious students and researchers a study-retreat environment in an eco-contemplative setting close to Panikkar's own heart. Such a setting is conducive to deepening the spiritual awareness necessary for entering the depth and breadth of Panikkar's vision as well as providing space for small communities of people to gather, share ideas and deepen understanding.

Now the Library is not only a part of Panikkar's legacy but, even more so, Roger's. We never imagined that Roger would make his passage into *parinirvana* before Panikkar. We are reminded that death is unpredictable, that it awaits each of us and what allows us to be prepared for our moment of transition is our capacity to live life fully and authentically in the present moment. We've had no better role model than our dear Roger. And now we have his spirit, a transformative wind blowing through each of our lives, inspiring us to our best and truest Selves.

Breaking News!

Rebel Ridge Market is now excepting food stamps!

News From 123 Grow

By Birdsong Sundstrom

The Placer County Office of Education, in collaboration with First Five Placer and WestEd recently presented the new *California Infant/Toddler Learning & Development Foundations and Program Guidelines* to early childhood professionals at a three-part series of Saturday workshops held in Auburn, which I attended on behalf of 123 Grow. These documents are the result of a multi-year collaboration between WestEd, a private educational non-profit, and the California Department of Education. Their goals were to acknowledge that the first three years of life are crucial to proper brain development and to assist infant/toddler programs and caregivers in providing rich and developmentally appropriate environments which will contribute to the child's well-being and lay the foundations for future success.

The foundations describe competencies infants and toddlers typically attain during the birth-to-three-year period. They fall into four domains:

Social-emotional development, language development, cognitive development and perceptual and motor development. The domains represent crucial areas of early learning and development that contribute to young children's readiness for school (National Research Council and Institute of Medicine 2000; NAEYC and NAESC/SDE 2002).

CDE developed *Infant/Toddler Learning & Development Program Guidelines* in 2007. These guidelines are aimed at helping infant/toddler centers and caregivers improve their programs through a deeper understanding of child development in the first three years of life. The Program Guidelines can be downloaded as a PDF document from the CDE website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/documents/itguidelines.pdf>, and the Foundations may be read at the Camptonville Family Resource Center for those wanting to learn more.



Roger at the 2001 Community Celebration.

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Camptonville Town Hall: What YOU Said!

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi Folks! We ate. We were informed. We spoke up! About 25 people attended the 2010 Town Hall hosted by Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) to discuss and prioritize our community issues and opportunities. We enjoyed a tasty, healthy meal prepared by Patsy Prout. Then we gathered our chairs into a circle to begin to learn more about the issues affecting us. We agreed it is important for us to "check in" with each other, listen and to be involved in our ideas for the improvement of our small (but mighty) town. It is essential to know what we want and where we are going! Christina Billeci candidate for State Assembly was a special guest in attendance, she came because she is interested in where, our interests lie. She welcomes your views also and you may reach her at 530-741-3044.

Camptonville is facing a new opportunity. We have been selected by the Sacramento Regional Food Systems Collaborative to be a 'pilot project' because of the way we connect good health to our community through food and activism. This project is being developed and will be discussed in more detail later. The following is a brief report of our priorities:

The Relicensing of Bullards Bar Reservoir as it pertains to our local Volunteer Fire Department ability to respond to emergencies and increasing and connecting the number of local multi-use (bike, walk, horse) trails. Excitement grew regarding a Camptonville Event, (possibly Pelton Wheel/Green Energy). We also spoke about the importance of community economic development, early childhood education, local food and our ability to have somewhere OPEN to socialize and eat out. (Remember Doc Willy's). We want an accessible certified kitchen and increased local access to fresh food, year round. Teens would like a place to hang out (and wouldn't mind adult supervision), while adults would like to create teen activities that teach values. Transportation is still a big issue for the whole community, especially our teens. We want local safe routes that actually link to our business and services. Maybe we could find a small bus or van for our community to use?

Community members were surveyed for their interest and were asked to indicate ways they would like to connect, contribute and celebrate. The results point to two different areas: helping Camptonville build a sustainable economy and let's have more fun events! These surveys are available at local stores for you input also.

For a more detailed view of the Town Hall we will be posting the complete results on the CCP Facebook page! Become a fan! Or you can always give us a call at 288-9355.



Christina Billeci Vice-Mayor of Marysville and candidate for State Assembly attended our Town Hall meeting.

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Burn Permits Required May 1, 2010

By Jessica Prince
Fire Prevention Technician
Yuba River Ranger District

With the arrival of spring, I would like to remind everyone that April is the last month you will be able to burn without a permit. This is a great time to clear your property and burn piles before summer sneaks up on us. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for your fire, and the liability could potentially be detrimental. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind as even the smallest ember can start a large fire:

- Maintain adequate clearance around your piles.
- Have water and tools near the site.
- Always be sure that your piles are dead out!
- Never burn on dry and windy days.

Burn permits will be required beginning May 1, 2010 and are available at the Yuba River Ranger Station. Enjoy working outside on the nice spring days, but continue to use safe debris burning practices as well as calling to ensure it is a permissive burn day. As always, feel free to contact me at (530)288-3231 or visit us at the Yuba River Ranger Station.

Congratulations Cathy!

Cathy LeBlanc, one of the three-member Executive Director Collective of the Camptonville Community Partnership, graduated with Class IX of the Sierra Health Foundation Leadership Program on March 26. This six-month course of study is designed to strengthen the leadership skills of current executives of non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of Northern Californians.

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I only met my boyfriend's dad Roger a few months before his passing but like everyone I was touched by his thoughtfulness. I took this picture the first time I visited Roger and Yakshi's home in Camptonville. Roger was making me some coffee and I will always remember how seriously he asked me if I was a fruit and vegetable mug person or a sea otter mug person... as if I were important and my answer mattered....this picture is of that moment....of course I picked sea otter! ...he let me know he thought that that was a good choice.

Submitted by Comika Beaudry



Need a Ride?

Camptonville residents may now participate in the Golden Rays-Sierra Public Transit, hopping on the van at Lost Nugget Market. The van goes to Grass Valley the first Tuesday of every month. Call (530) 789-8555 for times of departure, fee schedule or more information.

News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz

Things have a way of changing and our change was that Arnold Olsen is the board member who issued his resignation at this month's board meeting. Candice DeMaranville is our next officially interested party. However, county rules require us to notify you, the public, that the position is officially open. If anyone would like the position, we are taking interest letters at this time. Interest letters can be sent to the Board's president, Donna Tate at Camptonville School. (95922)

We had a beautiful presentation from Cathy LeBlanc and Sally Sokoloski from The Yuba County Children's Council regarding the collaboration of county agency members throughout Yuba County. One flyer they gave us regarding the need of cumulative assets by our children in order to be successful (which the Courier will publish *next* month, due to space issues this month.) We were all touched by the material and the nature of the work they are doing.

Our interim budget was reviewed as anticipated. Watching the cash flow of the school will remain an ongoing task as it is for all public schools.

You may or may not know that Lisa Carr, our Jr. High teacher has left for a maternity leave. She gave birth to Iris Siobhan Carr on March 4th. Her replacement is Sara Langley, who is working out well. We all wish Mrs. Carr the best of luck.

We have moved our board meeting to Monday, April 12 next month and we will be discussing moving our meetings permanently to the second Monday of the month on the next agenda.

Lastly, Good luck Arnie! Your service on this Board of Trustees has been stellar and you will be missed.

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Box Tops & Campbell's Soup Labels

By Stephanie Williams

The Camptonville School Parent Club is collecting Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels as a fundraising activity for the student body. If you have some of these lying around from previous collections please send them in with your student to place in the baskets in each classroom. .

The Parent Club will gather, sort and tally at the beginning of June all the submitted Box Tops and Soup Labels. The classroom with the most submissions will win a Pizza Party before the end of the school year.

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Chief's Report

By Allen Kinne

I hate to start off this month's report with bad news, but that I must do. A person, or persons, unknown broke into the Fire Station on Moonshine Road sometime in the last week or so. They cut the lock off of the door and messed things up inside. As far as we can tell, nothing was stolen from Engine 6384. It is a shame that we have to worry about something like that here in Camptonville. If anyone knows anything about this, please let us know.

Our Fire Academy is moving along smoothly. The training we are getting is priceless and can only benefit the department and Camptonville as a whole. We usually meet at the school on Tuesday nights for classroom work, mixed in with some practical drills. Then on weekends we gather at various places around town to put into practice what we learned in the classroom. This goes on rain or shine. On Sunday, March 14, we were at Burgie Dave's practicing ladder skills. Not too far into the drill, we received a call for a car accident near Oregon Creek. Camptonville, North San Juan and Pike were all called out for this one. Right in the middle of handling that one, a motorist came up to me and said there was another accident back up the road. Since the first accident was about wrapped up, we sent some of our people to the second accident. Luckily, neither accident involved serious injury. After the second accident was taken care of, it was back to ladder training!! All in all, a very long and busy day for our volunteers. Thanks to Firefighter Mike Gray, who provided chili beans and some 3 Alarm hot wings for lunch.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Camptonville Fire Department has added another EMT to its roster. Firefighter Andrew Beams passed his National Test. Congratulations Andrew. Andrew lives in North San Juan and is also a member of their department. Out of a department of 20 volunteers, we now have 7 EMT's. Not bad for a small town. On a typical medical call, we get 2-3 of the EMT's responding.

Our department is collecting patches from fire departments all over the country. As of this writing, we have 71 patches on display. This number also includes 7 or 8 Law Enforcement patches from local agencies that we work with at times and some from other places. Most of the patches we have were obtained simply by asking, others by trading one of ours, and some I found on E-Bay or purchased. We

even have one from the North Pole Fire Department. Yes folks, Santa has his own fire department! I want to get as many as we can to fill up the blank walls at the Mill Street Station.

As always, I wish to thank those of you who put their spare change in the boots at The Lost Nugget and Rebel Ridge Markets. Every penny helps. As soon as we can get the inside of the Mill Street station fixed up a little bit more, we want to hold fund raisers.

We had 4 calls in February, 3 medicals and a motor vehicle accident. So far in March, we have had 7 calls, 4 vehicle accidents, 2 medicals and a tree into a power line. Thanks to the volunteers who responded to these calls. Great job!

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Dates to Remember:

Join in the FUN

By Judy Morris & Paula Goodman

April 15th: Besides Tax Day....Register On-line to join Camptonville Buddies Relay For Life team. Must order your event T-shirt by this date, Otherwise no guarantee of receiving one. It's simple log onto www.relayforlife.org/nevadacountyca

May 2nd: **FREE** Ice Cream Social for Cancer Survivors & Caregivers. Come Enjoy Lazy Dog Ice Cream at Paulette's Country Kitchen in Grass Valley----4pm.

May 22nd: **Survivor's Breakfast**-----8am Senior Center/Community Center- At the Nevada County Fairgrounds.

Opening Ceremony & Survivor's Lap at 10am; Help Celebrate Nevada County's 11th Annual Relay For Life @ the Nevada County Fairgrounds. It's a **FREE** event, music, raffles and lots Of **FUN** for 24 hrs.

Relay For Life is American Cancer Society's yearly **Fund-raiser** to raise awareness of Cancer Programs for patients; research being done & yes to raise money to provide funds to support all these programs **FREE** to those whom need them. Visit www.relayforlife.org/nevadacountyca to find out more, or to join our team and make a donation. Each dollar raised is a step closer to a cure. Call Paula/Judy 288-1228 if you have questions.

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Song lyrics

By Roger Rapp

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 If you make a mistake
 You can take a little push
 You can take a little pull
 You make the most of what you've got
 When your cup is half full

You've got time to run
 You've got time to stroll
 You can build up momentum
 And go on a roll
 You can give in a little
 You can give it your all
 You can walk the middle path
 When your cup is half full

Half empty, and
 Strangers will come around
 To put you on their dole
 Then they'll tell you what you need
 But never that your cup is half full

You've got something to gain
 You've got something to lose
 You've got friends around
 To take away your blues
 With your story to share
 You can stand tall
 'Cause you never go empty
 When your cup is half full

We've got room to give
 We've got room to take
 We've got room to recover
 If we make a mistake
 We can take a little push
 We can take a little pull
 We make the most of what we've got
 When our cup is half full

Roger wrote this song in the mid-'90's. He came down to Sacramento to sing it at the Sierra Health Foundation's Award Ceremony in which the Courier was given the Community Service Award. He wrote it about the "asset-based philosophy" that in our rural community, we value people for their gifts, not deficiencies.



Eddie Rose and Roger jamming.

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Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

At last, spring has arrived! Trees are all in full bloom, bees are very busy, the daffodils are stunning, birds are singing, and the garden needs some attention. This month may seem very overwhelming in the garden, with a thousand things to do. My advice is to take a step back and just look around for a while before you put on those grubby gardening gloves. Use that moment to appreciate what Mother Nature brings to us, listen to that melody the birds are singing to you, then put those gloves on and enjoy.

There is still time to plant trees and shrubs, but come mid April it's too late, so get that done early this month. Clean up all the dead and diseased droppings underneath the trees and in the flower beds. Enjoy the daffodils, tulips and irises, keep dead heading them, but wait to cut back the green leaves for a month or so, because those leaves are still providing photosynthesis for their growing process. Plant summer flowering bulbs, such as lilies, dahlias and gladiolas. Sow annual seeds, such as asters, cosmos, marigolds, zinnias directly in the soil. Divide and spread your perennials, such as iris, hosta, geraniums and daisies. Turn your fall planted cover crop into the soil. Be sure to give the most amazing creature - the worms enough time to decompose it and turn it into plant available nitrogen. Get those peas planted NOW. Spring is a great time to apply a well- balanced fertilizer to your lawns, fruit trees, flower beds, and shrubs. Give those acid loving plants a little special fertilizer too. Create one new little garden or flower bed, not too big, so it is overwhelming, but a nice, new little addition to the surrounding area. Break up the ground and add some compost to the soil.

As you can see there is much to do this month, so just pick away at it, and soon enough you will create that dream garden that is in your thoughts always and forever.

Rebel Ridge Organics is open 5 days a week. Wednesday-Saturday, 10-6. Sunday 10-4. We are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. We have bulk soils available, as well as a couple new pre-mixed soils this year, come and see us.

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Roger and Rod Bondurant at a Courier folding in 2000.

Roger Rapp

By Rod Bonderant

I met Roger when he came to a CCSD meeting in 1997 representing a group that wanted to start a community newspaper.

I remember working with him on the early issues of the Courier. The Sunday evening project was always intense and went into the night. He would be fiercely typing up articles from scraps of paper, or mercilessly editing. He would quickly attack someone's article with the red pen and in the end leave the original almost obliterated with red marks; half the length while now clearly communicating the essence of the intended story. I would help as best I could, it was hard to keep up with his pace. At some point, usually around 10 o'clock, I would deliver the text to Bob Carpenter. Bob would then stay up into the wee hours laying out the Courier pages. I would go home to sleep, and Roger would often stay up and resume work on a Japanese translation project.

Over the years Roger submitted some thoughtful and well-crafted pieces for the courier. A recurring theme was the pleasures of friendship and of the small town life.

Editor note: We will try and reprint some of Roger's articles in future issues.

April Calendar:

Easter Egg Hunt	Sat. April 3 rd , 11:00am, Rebel Ridge Market-weather permitting
School Board	Mon. April 12 th , 6:30pm, C'ville School Library
Bullards Bar meeting	Wed. April 14 th , 9:30am, gov. building, Marysville-see last month's issue
Bulards Bar meeting	Thurs. April 15 th , 9:30am, gov. building, Marysville
C'ville Buddies Registration	Thurs. April 15 th , on line registration-see page 9
CCSD	Mon. April 19 th , (3rd Mon. of month) 7:00 pm, C'ville School
Nourishing Traditions Meeting	Mon. April 19 th , 5:30-8:00pm, Soleil Farms- 292-3359
Courier Deadline	Tues. April 20 th
Trash Fashion Show	Thurs. April 22 nd , 7:00pm C'ville School
Yoga	Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, C'ville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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